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## 57 YEAR OLD MAN INDICTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a two count indictment against Sinka Littlefish, 47, of Ft. Defiance, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that defendant sexually abused a female who was then 8 to 9 years old.

The federal indictment charges Sinka Littlefish with violating Title 18, of the United States Code, Sections 1152, 2241(c) and 2244(a)(1).

A conviction for Aggravated Sexual Abuse carries a maximum penalty of Life, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for Abusive Sexual Contact carries a maximum penalty of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation..

The prosecution is being handled by Sharon K. Smith, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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